GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Monitoring Device for Highway Projects
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of highway projects awarded by the Government during the last two years, State-wise separately;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with the progress made in these projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, project-wise separately and if not, the steps taken for strengthening the monitoring device in existence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) The details of the National Highways (NHs) projects awarded during the last two financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16 are at Annexure.

(b) to (c) Government is not satisfied with the progress made in these projects. Main reasons for the slow progress are land acquisition, utility shifting, non-availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Environment/ Forest/Wildlife Clearance, ROB & RUB issue with Railways, Public agitation for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. In this regard, regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors in Head Quarter as well as in Regional Office. To expedite completion of these projects various steps are also taken which include streamlining of land acquisition & environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc. PMIS (Project Monitoring Information System) web portal is also being implemented for better monitoring of the projects.